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- (1) Bussey, Jr., et al.; U. S. Patent No. 5,766,721; issued June 16, 1998;
- (2) Vilas-Boas; U. S. Patent No. 5,060,801; issued October 29, 1991;
- (3) Fiechtl; U. S. Patent No. 6,189,279 B1; issued February 20, 2001; and
- (4) Winston; U. S. Patent No. 5,347,949; issued September 20, 1994.

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